

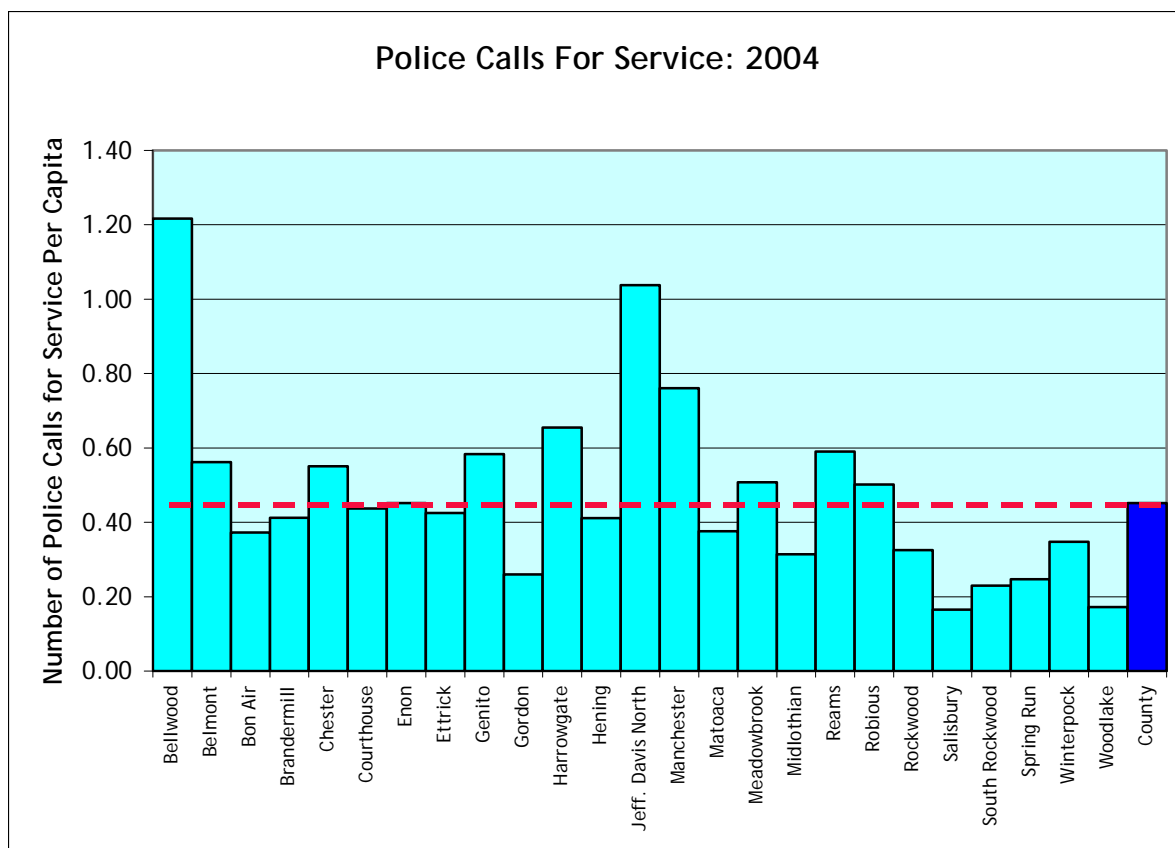
## Public Safety

Safe communities are valued in Chesterfield County. At neighborhood and community meetings, issues regarding safety are a common topic. Chesterfield County is fortunate to have a low crime rate and widespread citizen support for crime-prevention activities.

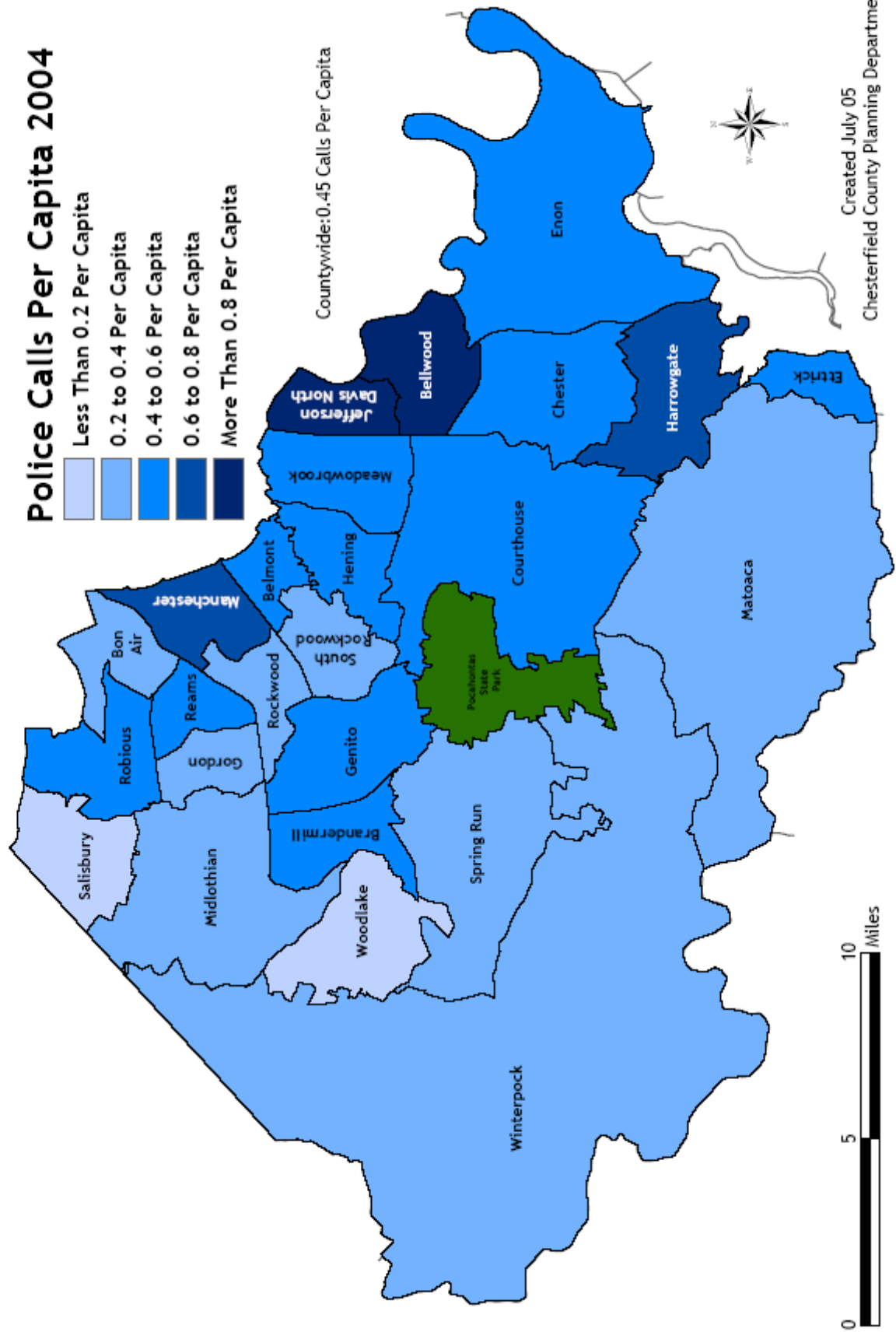


### POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE

Police calls for service include every call that is made to the Police Department, including 911 hang-up calls. This indicator offers information about how often a community is using Police Department services. Consequently, this indicator can help determine the cost of serving a community. In 2004, the countywide number of police calls for service was about 0.45 calls per capita, approximately the same as the number of calls per capita in 2003. Police calls for service are generally higher in areas with greater amounts of commercial development.



# Police Calls For Service: 2004

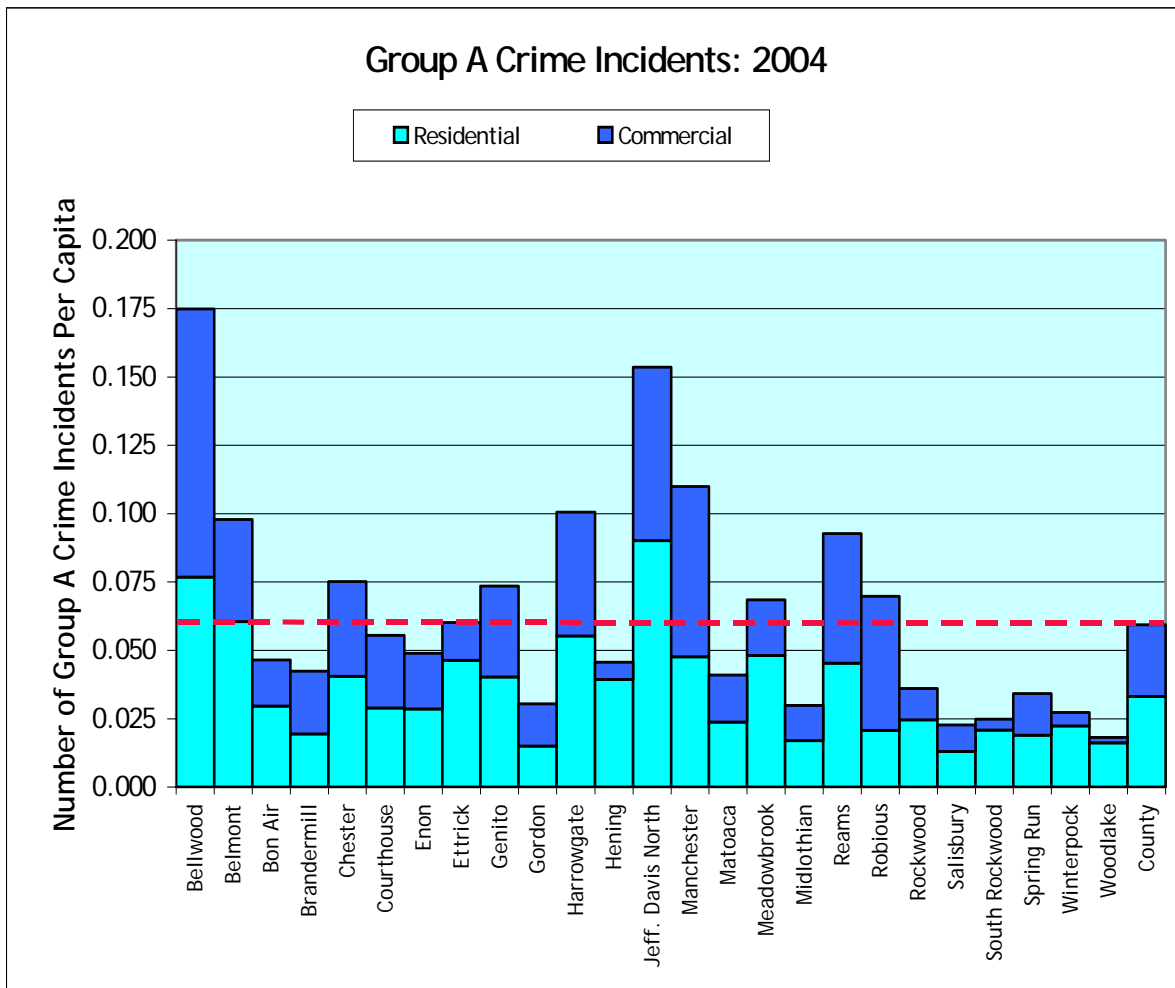


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## GROUP A CRIME INCIDENTS

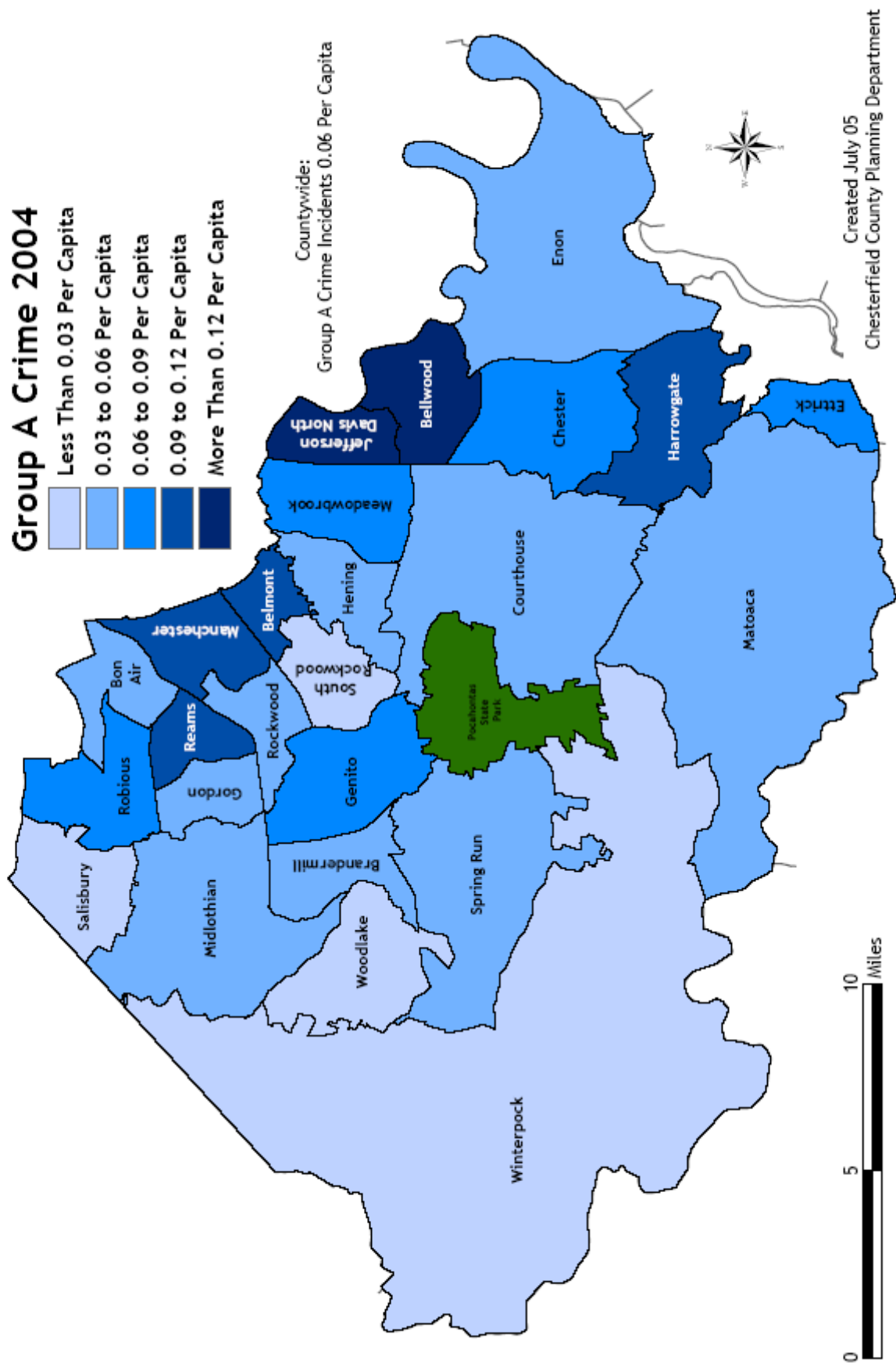
Certain categories of crimes, known as “Group A” incidents, are tracked for crime analysis and trend data. This classification system is tied to the National Incident Based Response System (NIBRS), and is used by the FBI and local law-enforcement agencies nationwide, including Chesterfield County.

Group A crime incident rates provide a good overall measure of crime in each community. The 2004 countywide Group A crime rate was 0.059 incidents per capita – which is approximately same as 2003 rate. Rates were highest in Bellwood and Jefferson Davis North, and lowest in Salisbury and Woodlake.



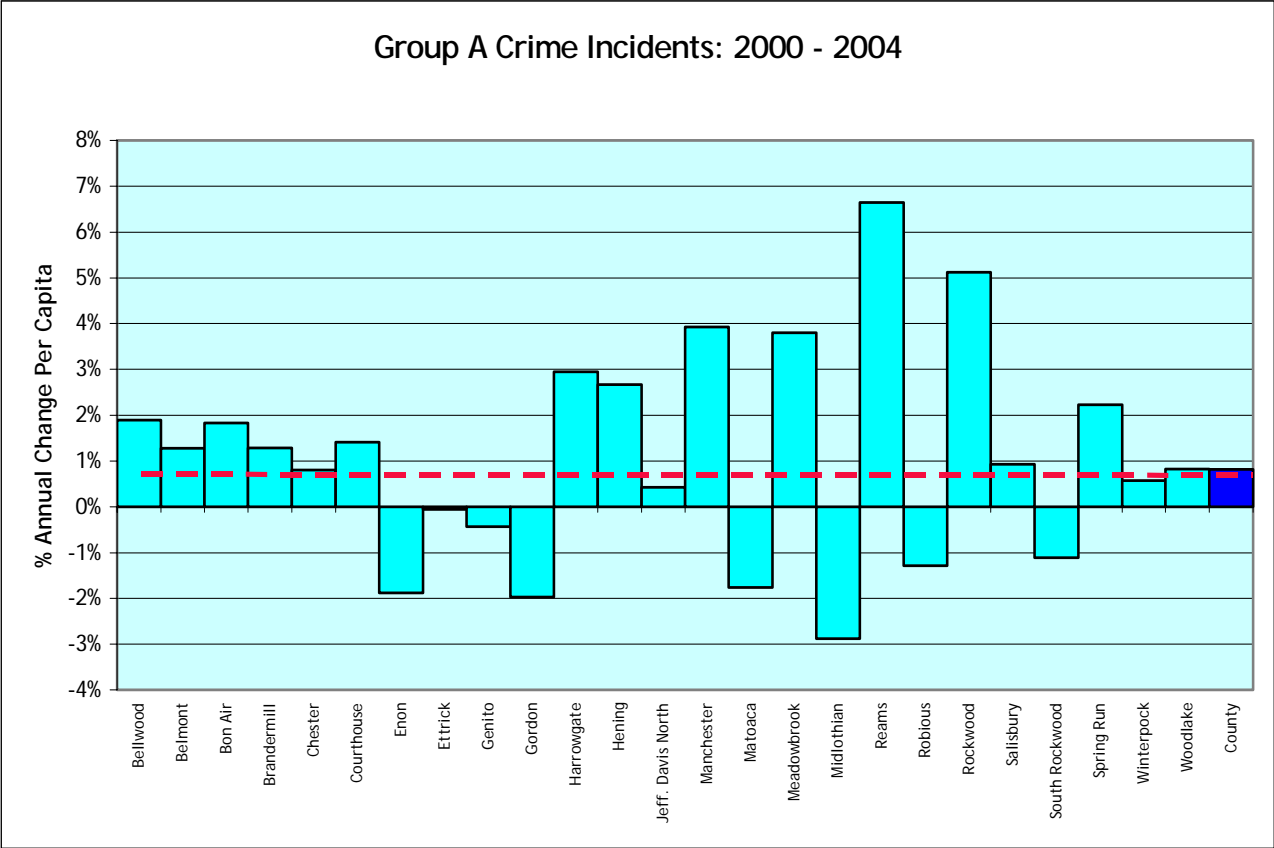
*NIBRS is an incident-based reporting system through which data is collected for each separate crime occurrence. Formerly, crimes were reported as a single combined event, even though they may have been comprised of many violations. The NIBRS system separately accounts for individual violations that may comprise a crime event, and is a more accurate way to measure violations. For this reason, this report refers to “crime incidents” instead of “crimes.” Group A crime incidents include 46 specific crimes and offenses. These are broken down into three categories: violent, property and quality-of-life crimes. Other miscellaneous crime incidents are counted within the Group A totals, but are not separately analyzed. The above chart shows all types of Group A crime incidents.*

# Group A Crime Incidents: 2004

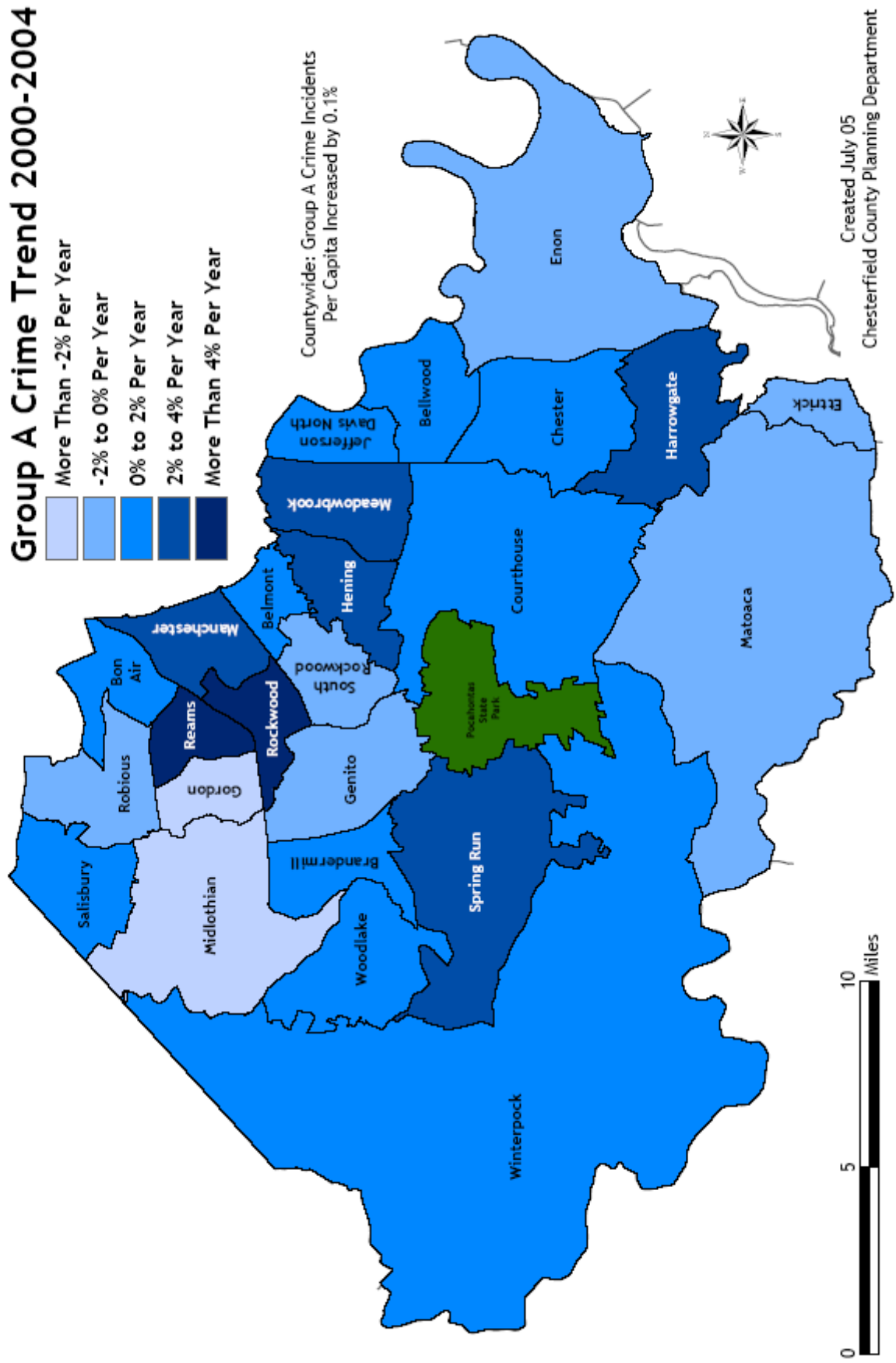


**GROUP A CRIME INCIDENTS: 5-YEAR TREND**

From 2000 through 2004, the countywide Group A crime incident rate increased about 0.1 percent annually on a per capita basis. The rate of change varied by community. Two communities, Reams and Rockwood, experienced increased Group A crime incident rates, exceeding five percent per year. In contrast, Enon, Gordon, Matoaca, Midlothian, Robious, and South Rockwood communities experienced a decrease of more than one percent per year.



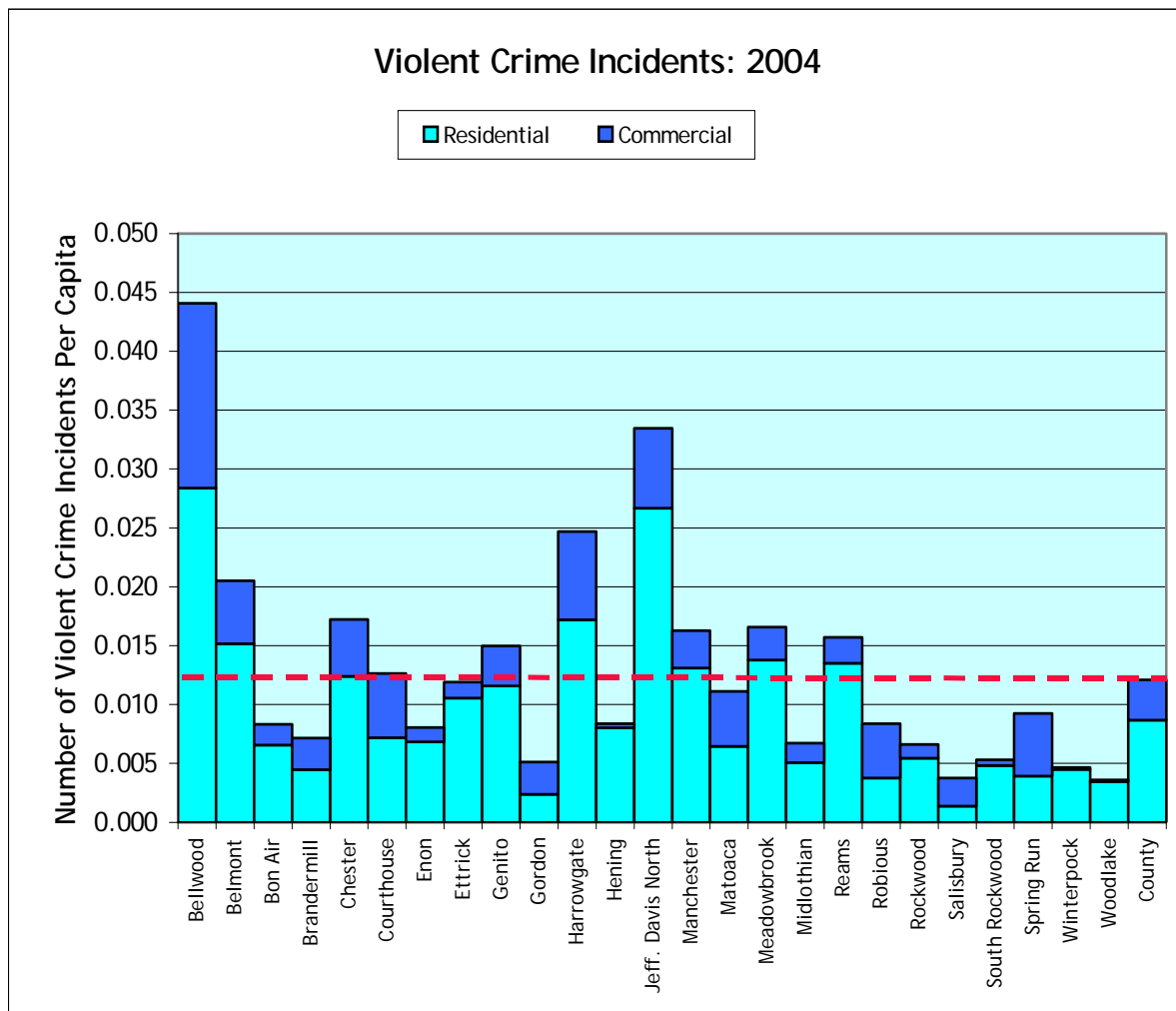
# Group A Crime Incidents: 2000-2004



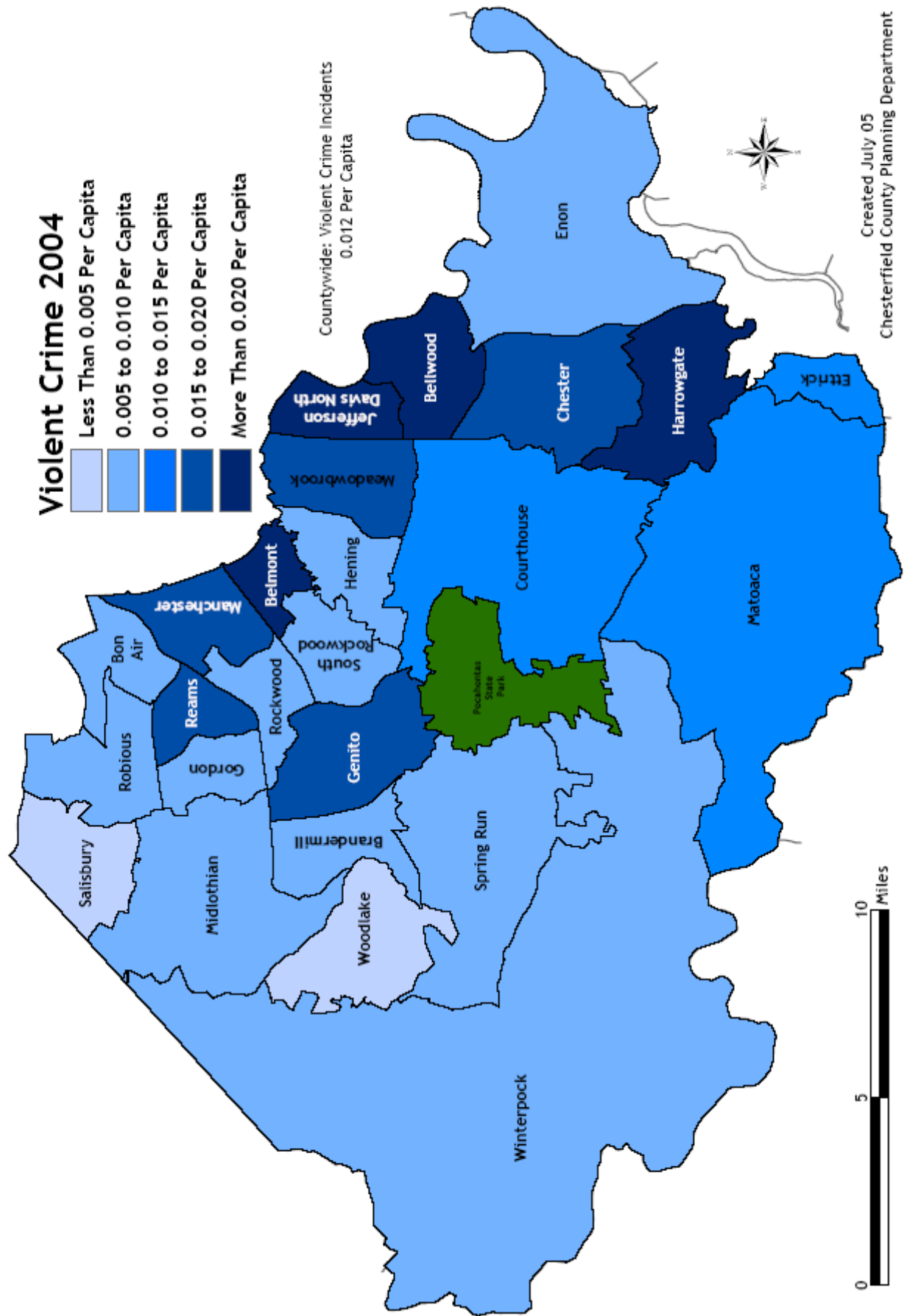
## VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS

Violent crime incidents include assault, murder, kidnapping, abduction, rape and sex offenses. During 2004, the violent crime incident rate averaged about 0.012 incidents per capita countywide, roughly the same level as in 2003. Areas in the Jefferson Davis Highway corridor, such as Jefferson Davis North and Bellwood, had the highest per capita violent crime incident rates. Salisbury and Woodlake had the lowest per capita violent crime incident rates.

The majority of violent crime incidents countywide in 2004 occurred in residential areas. Spring Run was the exception to this rule. In this community, the majority of violent crimes took place in commercial areas. It should be noted, however, that Spring Run had lower than average per capita violent crime incident rates.



# Violent Crime Incidents: 2004

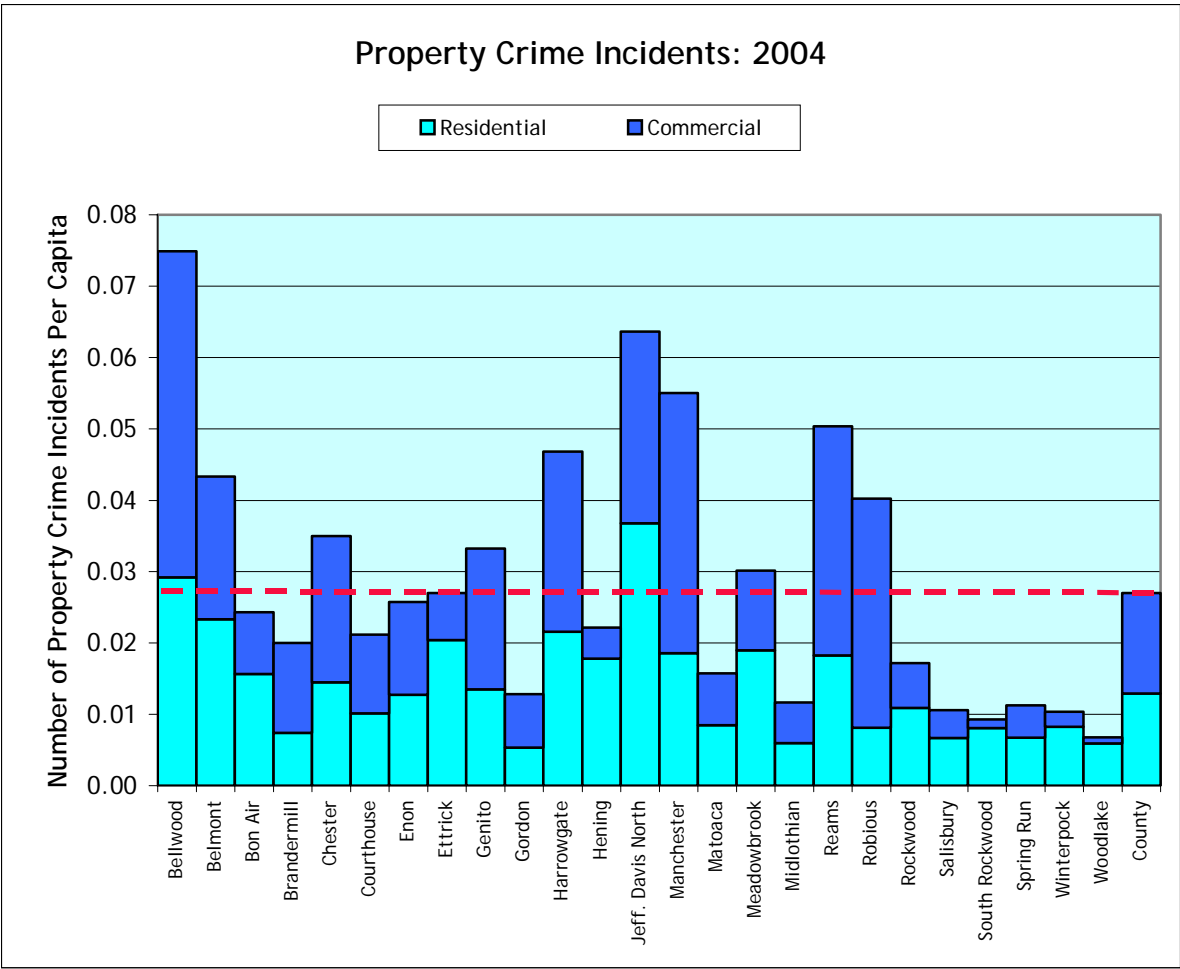




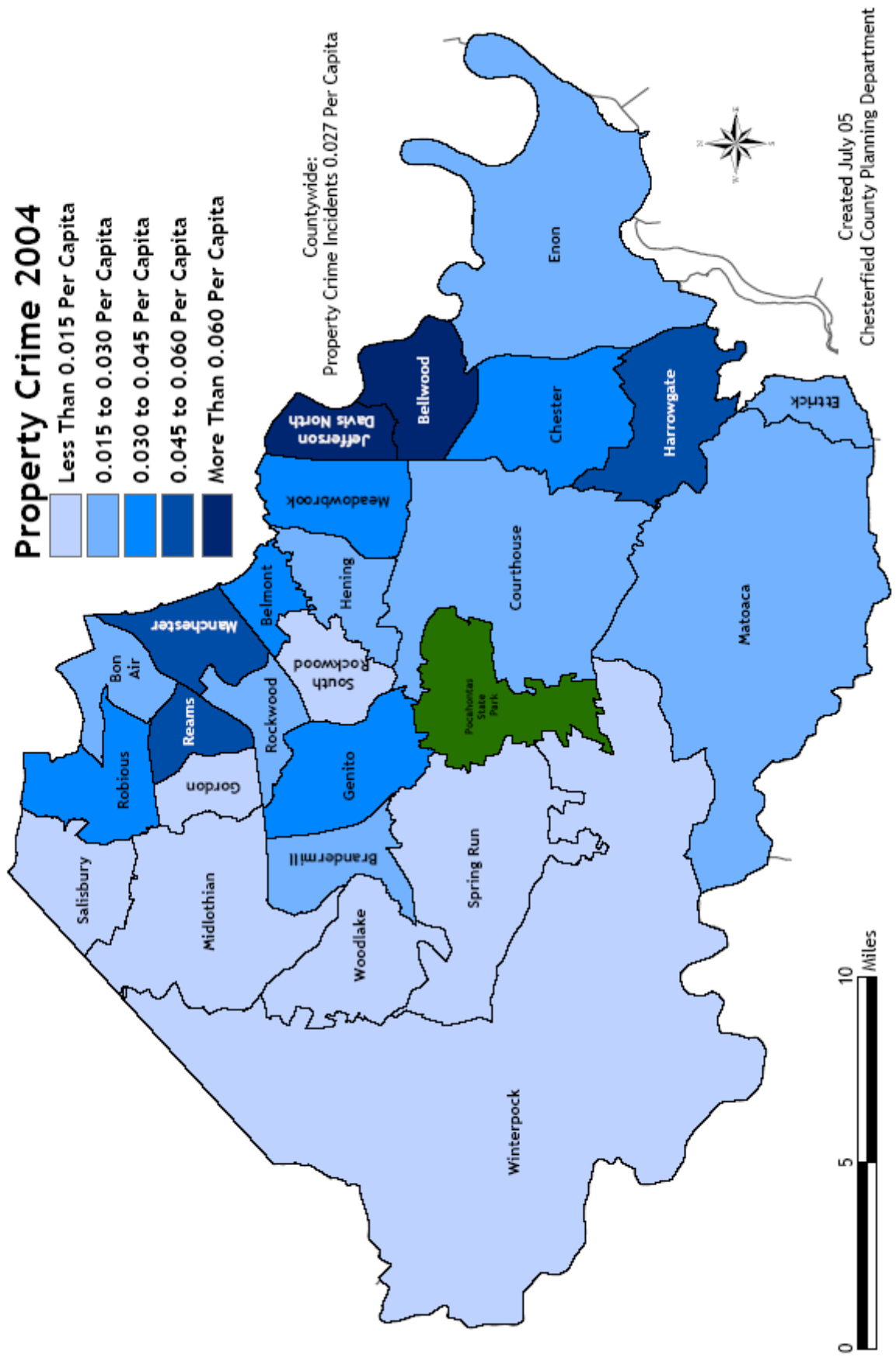
PROPERTY CRIME INCIDENTS

Property crime incidents include arson, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and robbery. In 2004, there were approximately 0.027 property crime incidents per capita countywide, which was roughly the same level as in 2002. Property crime incident rates were highest in Bellwood, Jefferson Davis North and Manchester; and lowest in South Rockwood, and Woodlake.

Slightly more than half of property crimes occurred in commercial areas during 2004. Communities with large commercial areas, such as Bellwood, Reams, Manchester and Robious, tended to have more property crime incidents, clustered in commercial areas. Predominately residential communities, such as Woodlake and South Rockwood, generally had lower property crime incident rates.



# Property Crime Incidents: 2004



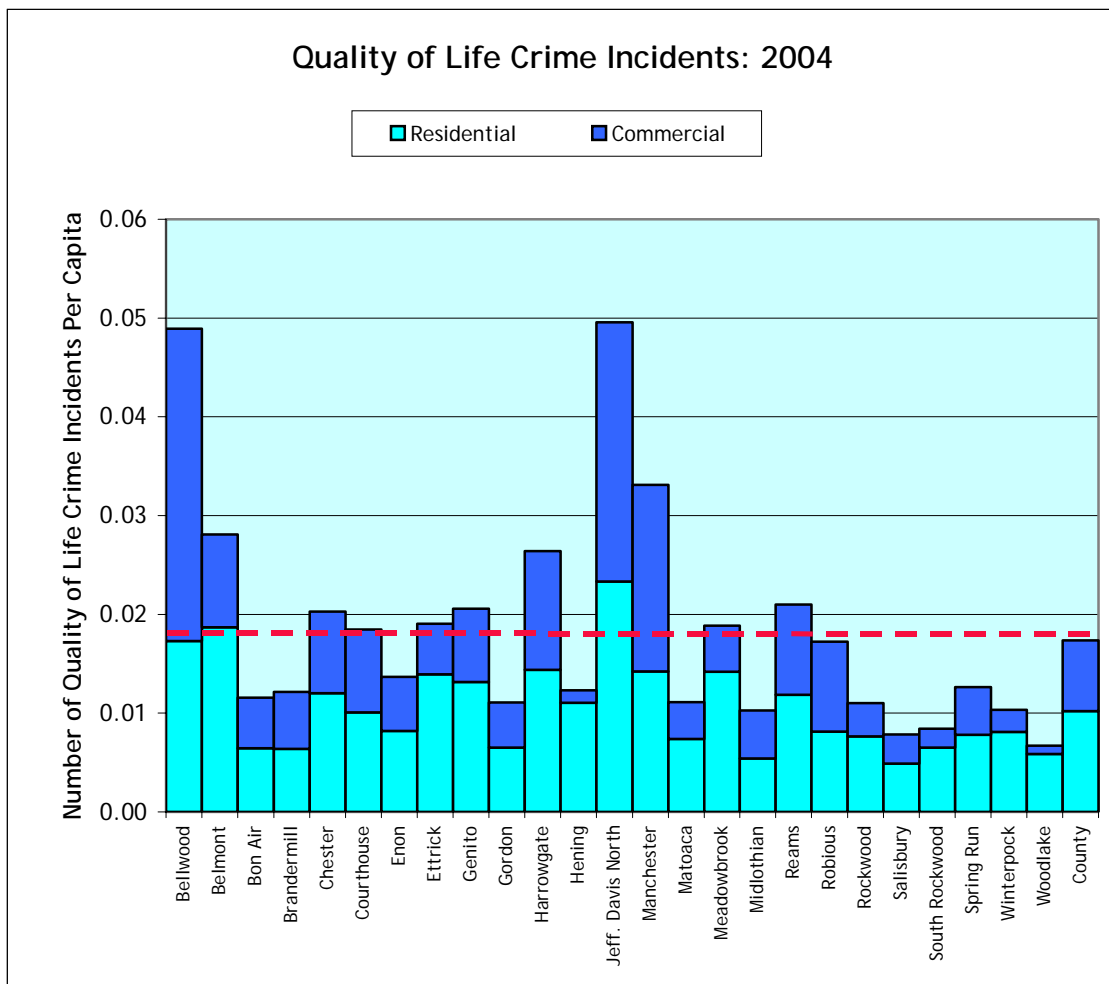
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## QUALITY-OF-LIFE CRIME INCIDENTS

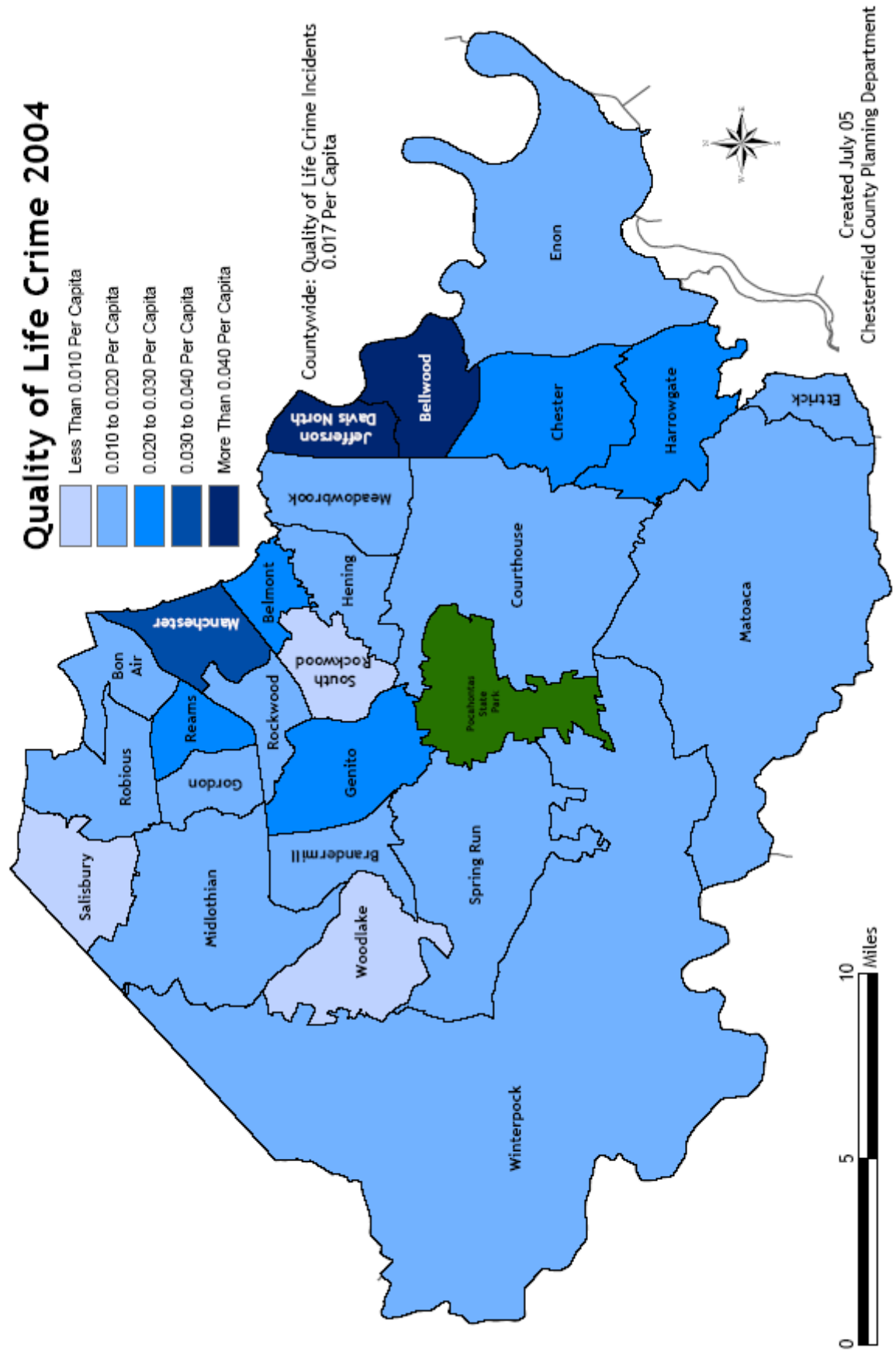
Quality-of-life crime incidents include bomb cases, narcotics and drug sales, manufacturing or possession of drugs, distribution or sale of stolen property, prostitution, fraud, vandalism, and weapons violations. Vandalism was the most frequent type of quality-of-life crime incident, comprising 52 percent of all quality of life crime incidents countywide.

The countywide rate for quality-of-life crime incidents was 0.017 per capita in 2004, roughly the same level as in 2003. Rates were highest in Bellwood, and Jefferson Davis North, and lowest in Salisbury, South Rockwood and Woodlake.

Fifty nine percent of quality-of-life crime incidents occurred in residential areas. In Bellwood, Jefferson Davis North and Manchester the majority of quality-of-life crime incidents occurred in commercial areas.



# Quality of Life Crime Incidents: 2004



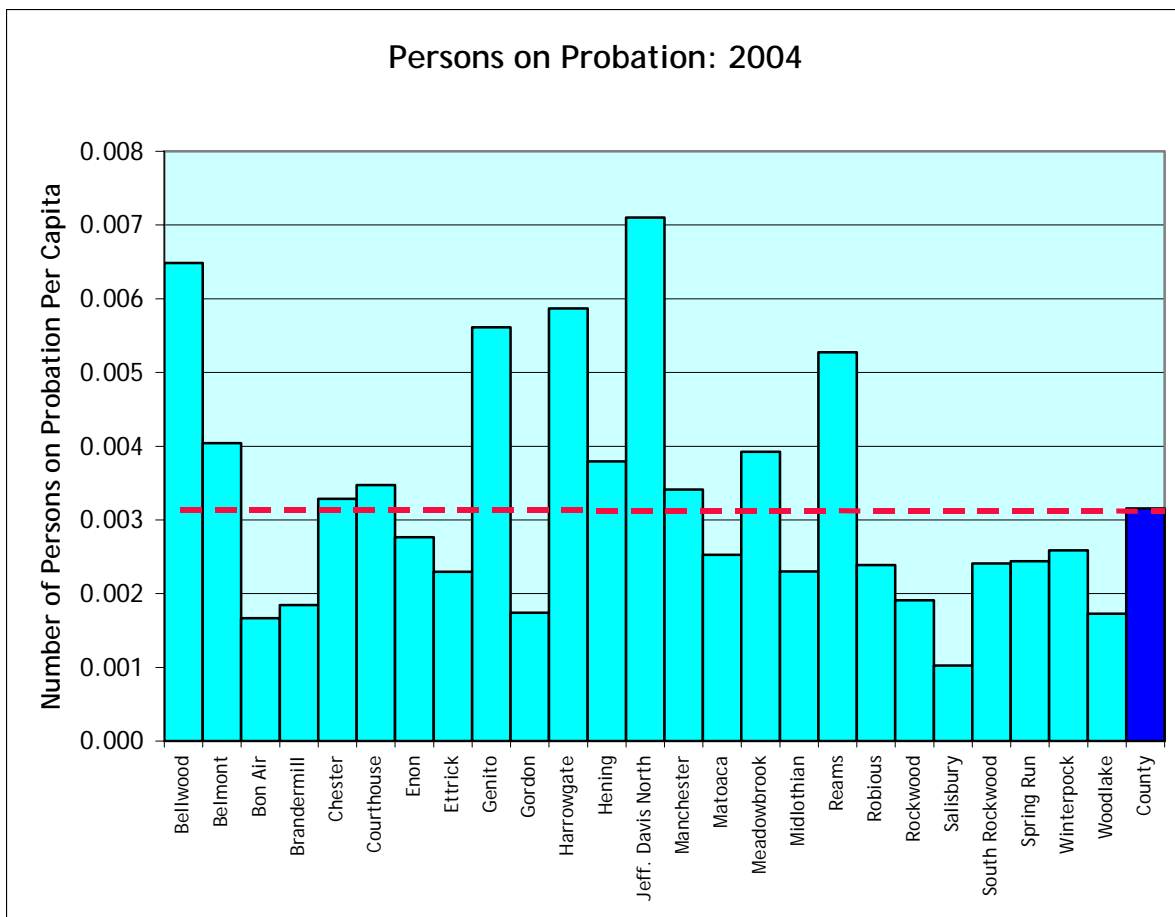
## PERSONS ON PROBATION

Data related to juvenile offenders is provided by the county Juvenile Probation Department, and includes all juveniles on probation or parole in 2004. Adult offender information is obtained from the Community Corrections Department, and includes all adults on probation or parole in the county court system.

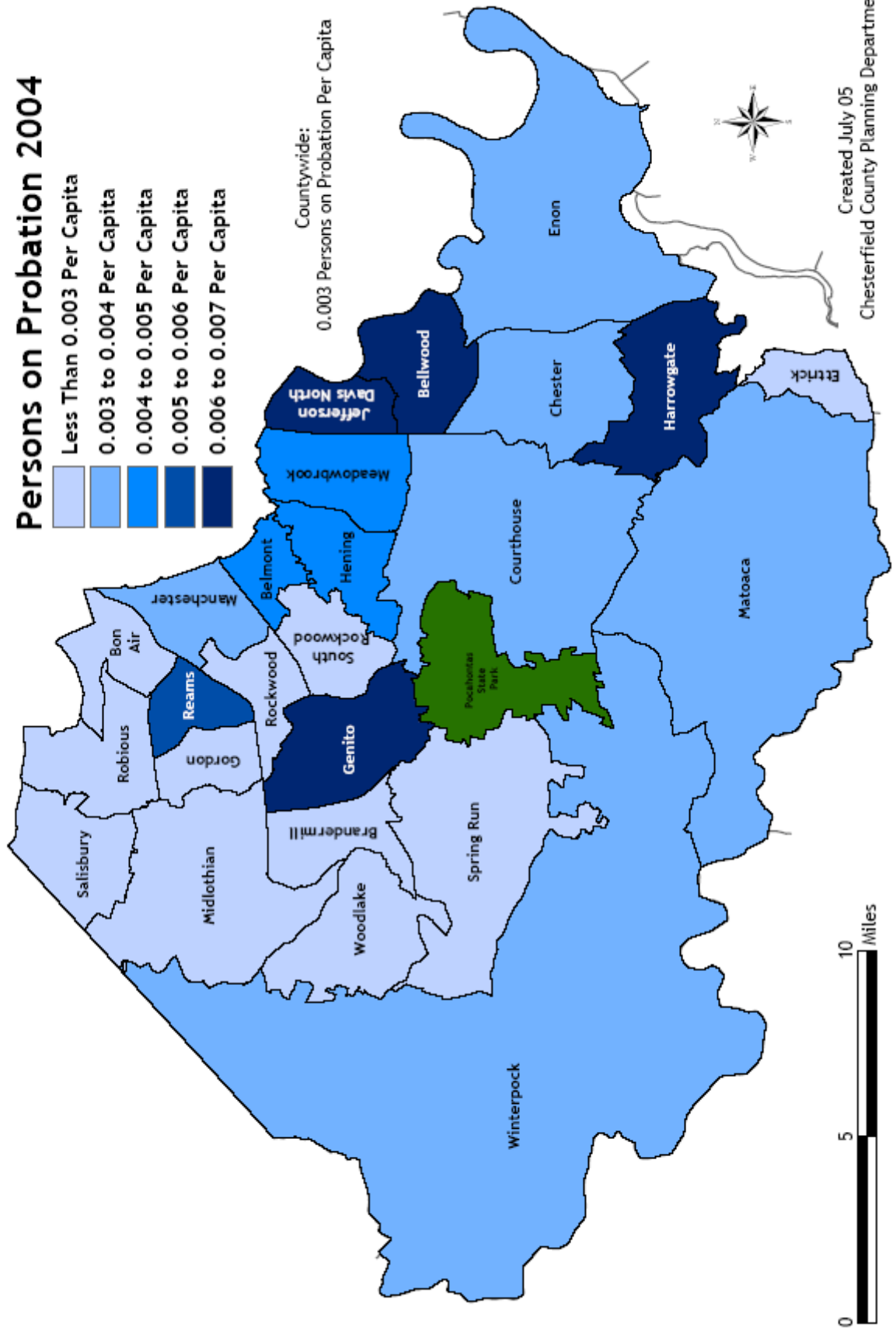
At this time, information is not available about the location of adult offenders that are part of the state or federal court systems. This report examines only Chesterfield County parolees.

Due to the relatively low numbers of offenders, the numbers of juvenile and adult offenders were combined for the purposes of this report.

The countywide average number of persons on probation in 2004 was 0.003 per capita, compared to 0.006 per capita in 2003. Bellwood and Jefferson Davis North had the highest rate of persons on probation. Probation rates were lowest in Salisbury.



# Persons on Probation: 2004



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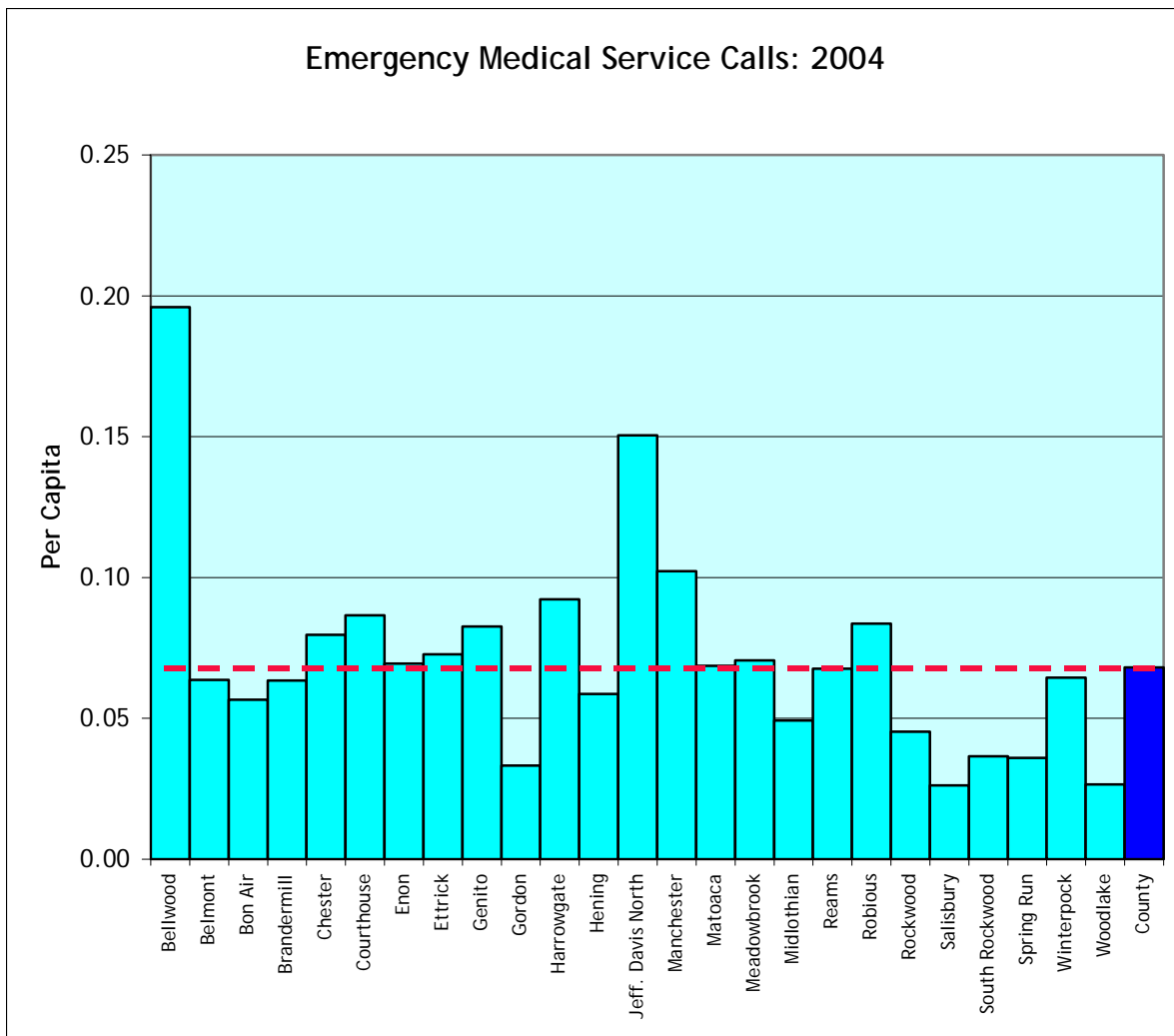


## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

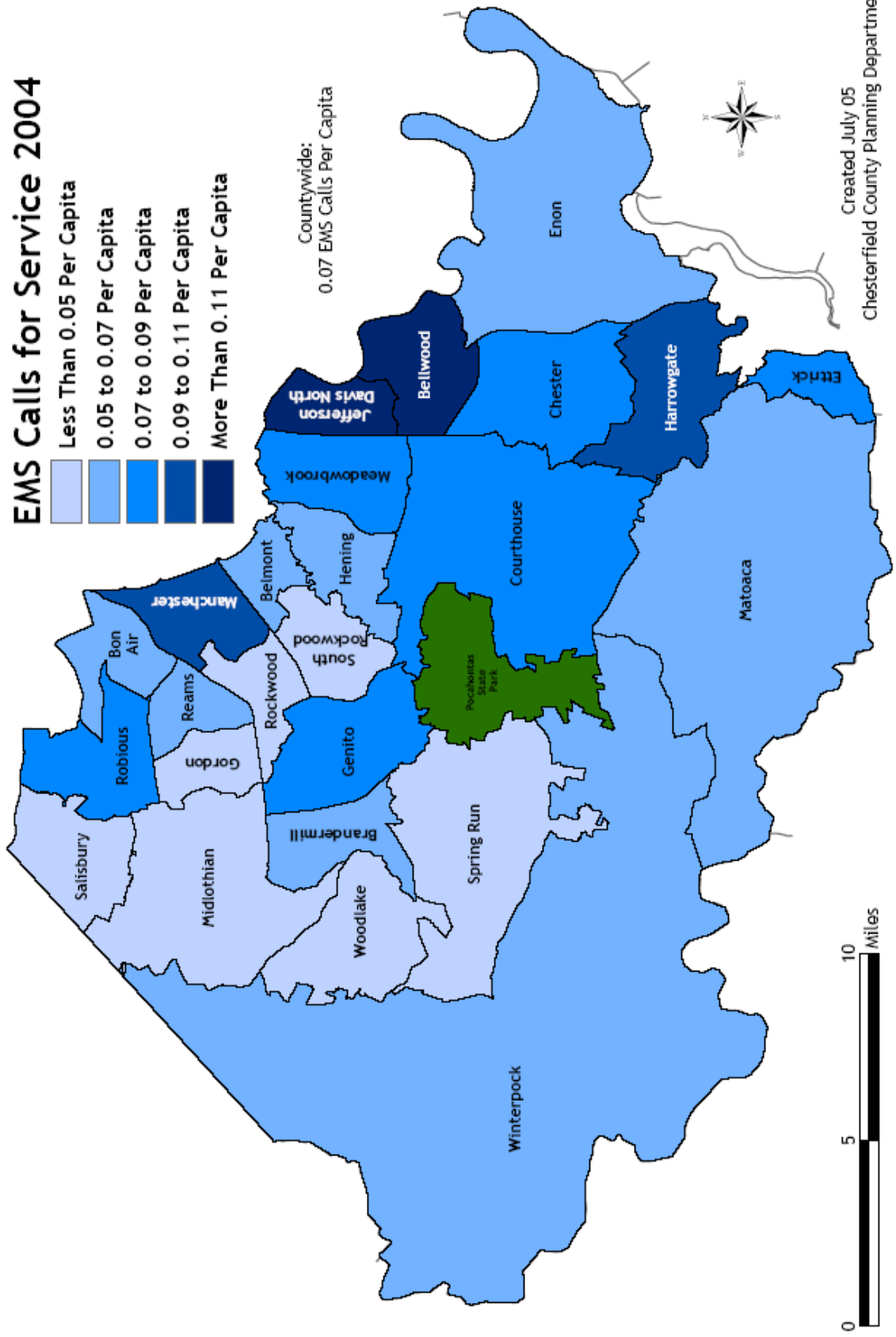
Emergency medical service (EMS) calls are tracked by the Emergency Communications Center. These include calls that were handled by volunteer rescue squads and by the Fire and Emergency Medical Service Department.

The EMS call for service rate was about 0.068 calls per capita countywide in 2004, compared to 0.073 calls per capita in 2003.

EMS call rates were highest in Bellwood, Jefferson Davis North, and Manchester, and lowest in Gordon, Salisbury, and Woodlake.



# Emergency Medical Calls for Service: 2004

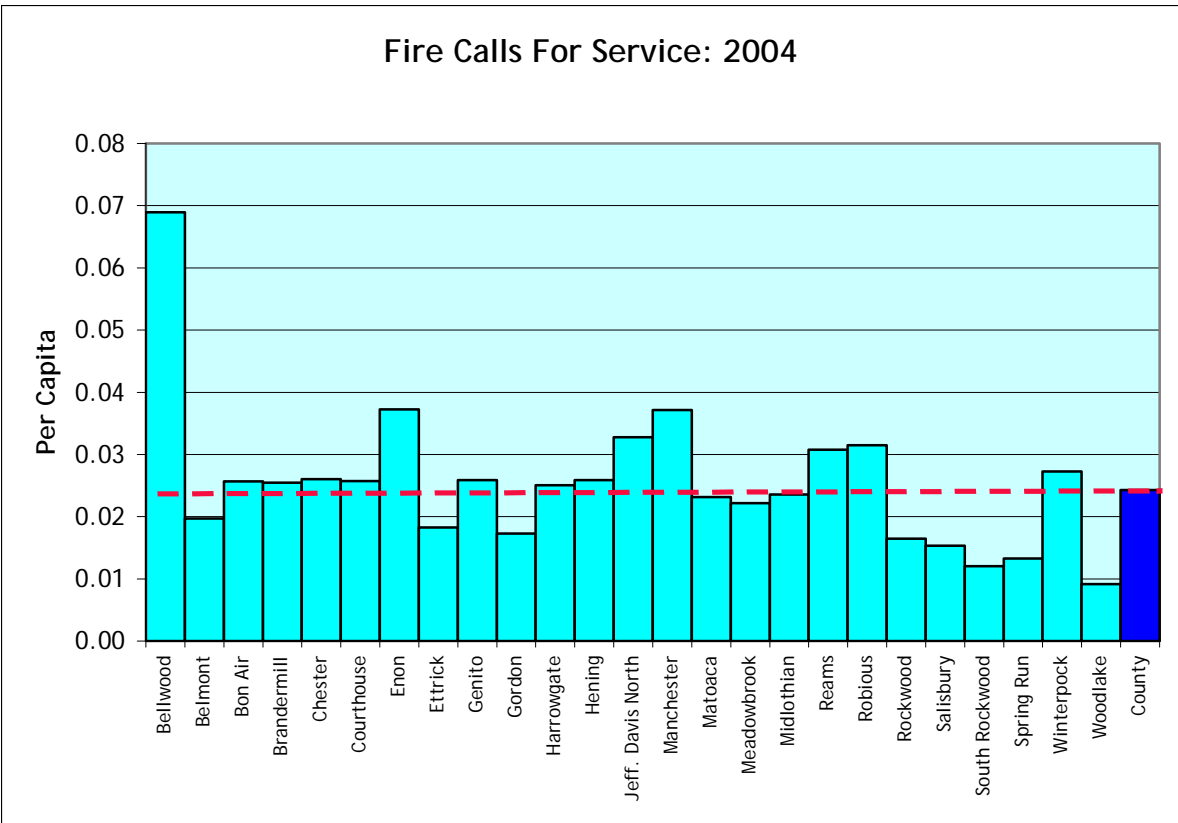




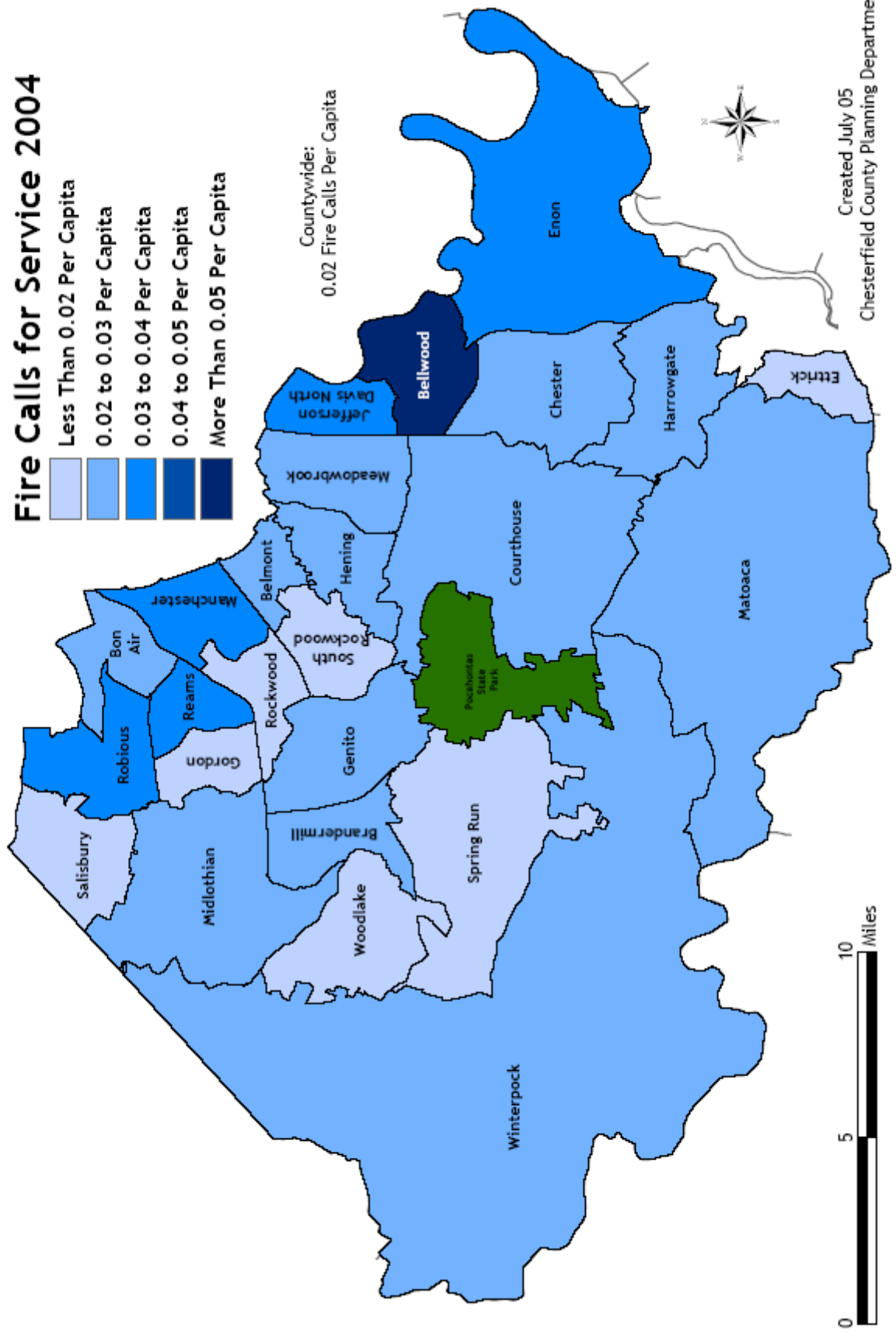
# FIRE CALLS FOR SERVICE

Fire calls are tracked by the county Emergency Communications Center. Fire calls exclude ambulance calls handled by Fire and EMS Department staff.

There were approximately 7,100 fire calls for service in 2004, which averaged about 0.024 calls per capita. In 2003, there were approximately 8,150 fire calls for service countywide, which averaged about 0.029 calls per capita. Fire call rates were highest in Bellwood, and lowest in Woodlake.



# Fire Calls for Service: 2004

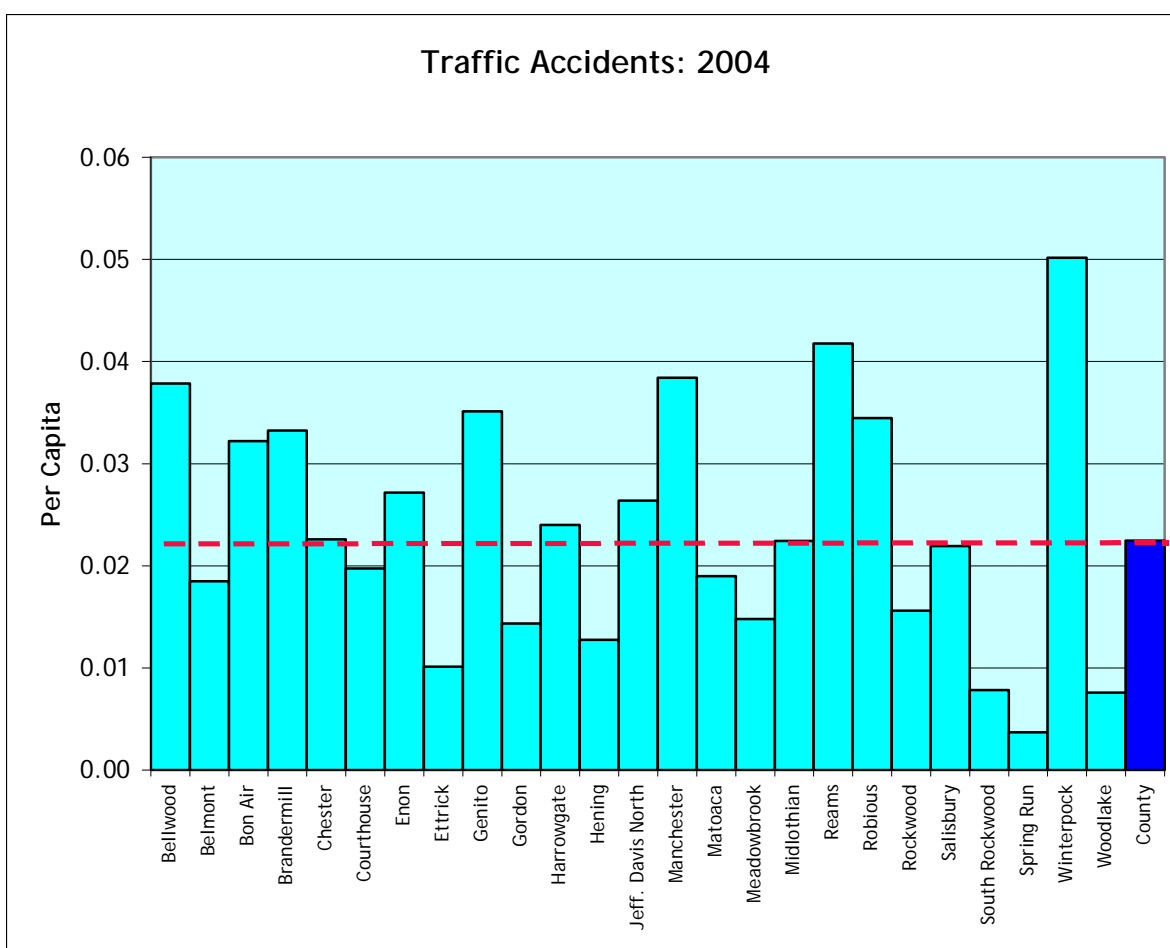


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## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

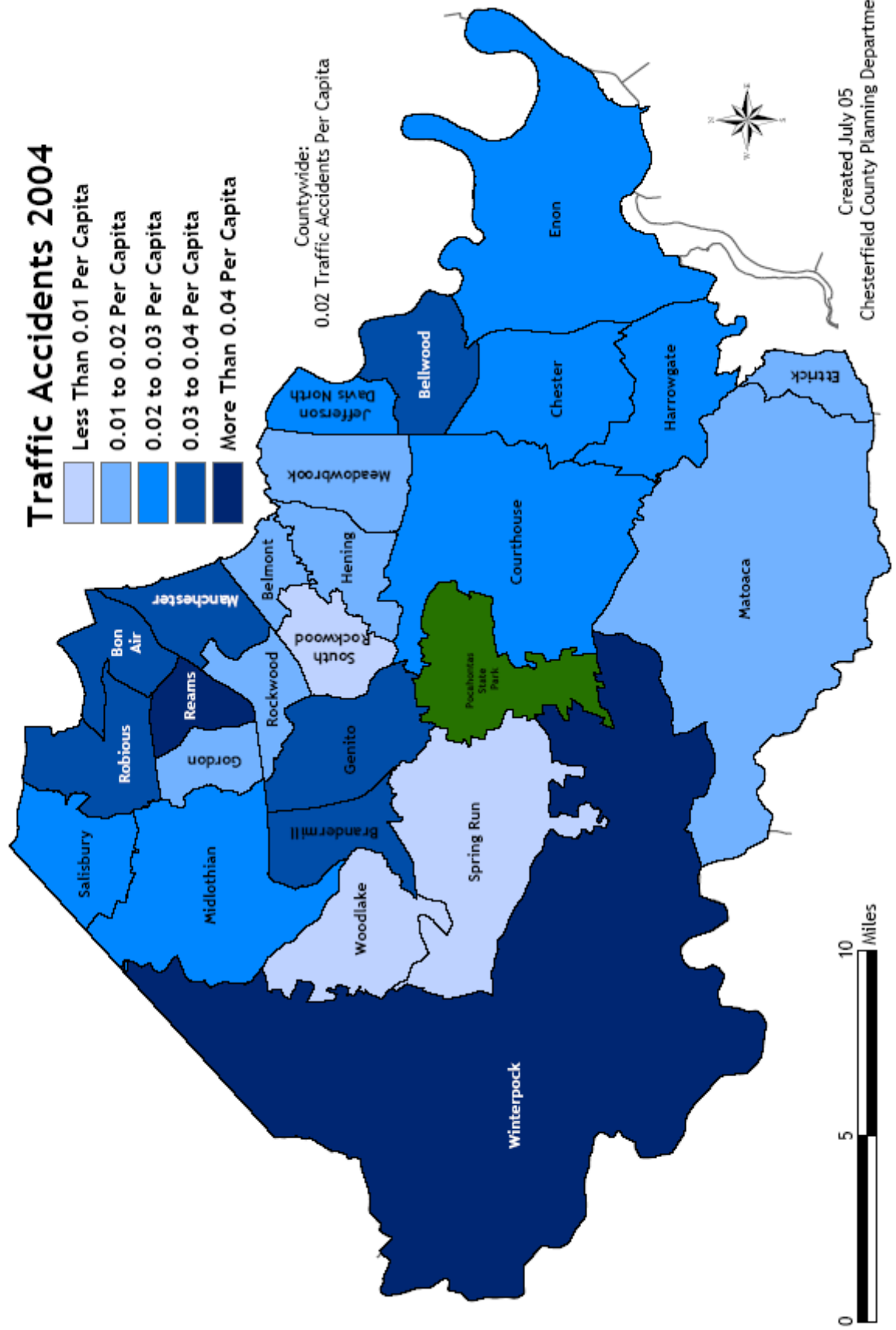
There were approximately 6,500 traffic accidents countywide in 2004, which averaged about 0.022 accidents per capita. Approximately 26 percent of these accidents resulted in physical injury. One third of one percent of traffic accidents in 2004 resulted in fatalities. About 76 percent of these accidents resulted in property damage.

Predominately residential communities such as South Rockwood, Spring Run, and Woodlake had the lowest per capita traffic accident rates. Traffic accident rates were highest in Reams and Winterpock, and lowest in South Rockwood, Spring Run and Woodlake.



*Note: Some communities along major road ways show high traffic accidents due to the inclusion of accidents that have taken place in major roads like Midlothian turnpike, Hull street road, Chippenham Parkway, Jefferson davis Highway, etc.*

# Traffic Accidents: 2004



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